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August 8, 1989

Re: Probationary Interview

Ronald Bohmer, D.O.  
12242 E. Doubletree Ranch Rd.  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85259

Dear Dr. Bohmer:

As you know, during the course of its meeting of July 21 - 22, 1989, the Board of Osteopathic Examiners met with you to review the terms of your probation to determine compliance.

The terms of your probation were amended to allow you to attend therapy group once a month instead of weekly. All other terms remain the same. Your next review will take place during the October 6 - 7, 1989 meeting. Please notify this office of your change of address.

You will be notified at a later date of the time and place of your next review before the Board.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Tucker  
Executive Director

BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC  
EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
RONALD J. BOHMER, D.O.	)	FINDINGS OF FACTS, CONCLUSIONS
	)	OF LAW AND AMENDED PROBATION
	)	ORDER
Holder of License No. 1983 for	)	
the Practice of Osteopathic	)	
<u>Medicine in the State of Arizona.)</u>	)	

This matter having come on regularly for informal interview before the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery on the 4th day of January, 1988 and for Formal Hearing February 24, 1988, the licentiate, RONALD J. BOHMER, D.O. holder of License No. 1983 for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, being duly noticed and appearing in person, and the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery having conducted its informal interview and formal hearing of the licentiate and having afforded the licentiate an opportunity to be heard on the issues before it, and having considered all the material evidence in the matter, and being fully advised, makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

I

The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

II

RONALD J. BOHMER, D.O., is the holder of License No. 1983 for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

III

On January 4th, 1988, Practitioner was found to be guilty of unprofessional conduct as that term is defined in ARS§32-1854.A.4, intemperance in the use of alcohol, and stipulated to being placed on probation for the following reasons:

1. On September 22, 1986, Practitioner was arrested for severely damaging his wife's car with a sledgehammer indicating the possibility of an altered state of consciousness or impaired judgment.
2. Several years ago, while serving in the armed forces in Germany, Practitioner was treated for alcohol abuse. Practitioner has admitted to continuing to ingest alcoholic beverages several times a week despite his past alcohol abuse.
3. On November 30, 1987, following an evaluation indicating a high index of suspicion of alcohol abuse, Practitioner entered a substance abuse inpatient treatment program for a period of 21 days.

IV

Bodily fluid samples obtained from Dr. Bohmer on December 30, 1987, January 4, 1988 and January 13, 1988 reported positive for multiple drugs which were not prescribed for Dr. Bohmer by a treating physician for therapeutic purposes. The drugs indicated are: propoxyphene, amitriptyline, phentermine, meprobamate, codeine, and benzodiazapene.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

VII

The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery has jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over the licentiate pursuant to A.R.S. 32-1803 and 32-1855.

VIII

The conduct of Practitioner described in Paragraph IV above constitutes unprofessional conduct as that term is defined in ARS§32-1854.A.23, use of controlled substances or prescription-only drugs unless provided by a medical practitioner, as defined in ARS§32-1901, paragraph 34, as part of a lawful course of treatment.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Board's Probation Order of January 4, 1988 is amended to read as follows: RONALD J. BOHMER, D.O. is hereby placed on probation for a minimum of 3 years under the following terms and conditions:

1. Practitioner is issued a Decree of Censure.
2. Practitioner is to attend at least 3 AA meetings per week and keep a log of attendance.
3. Practitioner is to select a sponsor by January 15, 1988.
4. Practitioner is to appear before the Board upon request with the first review to take place during the January 1988 annual meeting.
5. Practitioner is to enroll in a Board approved aftercare program.
6. Practitioner shall submit to random biological fluid drug screens upon request by the Board or its designee.
7. Practitioner shall immediately institute psychotherapy.
8. Practitioner shall bear the cost of compliance with this Order.

9. Practitioner is prohibited from ingesting any alcohol of any kind including medications that include alcohol.

10. Practitioner is prohibited from taking any controlled substances or prescription-only drugs unless prescribed by his treating physician as part of a lawful course of treatment as stated in writing to the Board by the prescribing physician.

11. If Practitioner should fail to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Order, Practitioner may be subjected to further disciplinary action.

ENTERED and effective this 24th day of February, 1988.

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